

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 5TH, 2020

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	Saturday July 4 th <i>Feria</i>			Mass in Private	Special Intention
	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	Monday 6 th <i>Feria</i>			11.30am Holy Mass	Ann Platt RIP
	Tuesday 7 th <i>Feria</i>			Mass in Private	Special Intention
	Wednesday 8 th <i>Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Ann Platt RIP
	Thursday 9 th <i>Feria</i>			Mass in Private	Special Intention
	Friday 10 th <i>Feria</i>	9.30am 10.00am - 10.30am		Holy Mass Rosary and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament	Margaret Murinas RIP
	Saturday 11 th <i>St. Benedict, Abbot Patron of Europe</i>			Mass in Private	John Field RIP
	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
	<i>Sea Sunday</i>			11.30am Holy Mass	Evelyn and Norman Wood

IMPORTANT MESSAGE AS WE OPEN OUR CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC MASS.

Our two churches: St Joseph's and Sacred Heart are open for limited public Holy Masses beginning today July 5th, 2020. We can offer only four public Masses weekly in our churches, instead of the usual 9 Masses excluding funerals and weddings. This will be reviewed regularly depending on the turnout of parishioners and the availability of volunteers to help us worship in a safe environment. Let us know if you would like to join our team of volunteers. Please follow the directions of the church stewards. Sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church, and avoid touching or physically venerating the statues or relics. Let me also remind you that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses remains in effect. In as much as we would love all of you to come to Mass, know that you are not obliged to come. Your health and safety are of paramount importance to us. Those at higher risk from COVID-19, and those not feeling well, anyone with a fever or cough of any sort are encouraged not to come to church at this time. Be reminded that a visit from a priest (for the Holy Sacraments of Anointing and Eucharist) is possible, while observing the usual precautions (mask, sanitizing, etc.).

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144; Romans 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30
 In our Gospel reading of today Jesus rejoices and praises the Father because the message of salvation was joyfully received by the simple and unlettered, unlike the learned and educated who could not appreciate the message because they despised its simplicity. Jesus reaches out to all, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Mat 11:28). The rest he promises is a release from the experience of serving God as a fatigue and a burden. The promise means that serving God could be transformed into a sweet experience of rest. Jesus then goes on to show how: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (verse 29). Taking up the yoke of Jesus is not adding to our burden but an invitation to a divine relief. It means to put ourselves in a relationship with Christ, to associate and identify ourselves with him: our destiny with his destiny, our vision with his vision and our mission with his mission. Like two cows yoked together as they plough under the heat of the sun, to be yoked with Jesus is to know that we are not pulling the yoke of our burdens alone and by our power but together with Christ and by the strength that comes from him. It is to know that Jesus is not just a teacher who gives you homework but also a friend who helps you do it. We should never forget that we are yoked with Christ. To this end, it helps to start each day with a prayer like this: "Lord, help me to remember that there is no problem I am going to face today that you and I together cannot handle." Have a joyful Sunday!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of parishioners who died during this lockdown and all those whose anniversary occur at this time. May they rest in perfect peace.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

For all enquiries for Catholic Marriage and Baptism, kindly contact the Parish Priest at the parish office.

FR STAN'S DROP IN

If you need to speak with the Parish Priest you can come to the Sacred Heart Presbytery on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm (Sit-out at this time). No appointment needed.

PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS

Please email or Facebook Carol to choose a day in July to pray for vocations during the month on behalf of the parish.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY. Our Families:

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS / DONATIONS

(15th March 2020 to 30th June 2020)

The Sacred Heart

Envelopes/cash/cheques: £1362 Gift Aided and £930 Non Gift Aided. £155.70 raised for 2nd collections. Standing Orders and Donate button (to 5th of June): £120 Gift Aid and £68.60 Non Gift Aided

St Joseph's

Envelopes/cash/cheques: £363 Gift Aided and £154.90 Non Gift Aid. £84.88 raised for 2nd collection. Standing Orders and Donate button (to 5th of June): £460 Gift Aid and £10 Non Gift Aided. Fundraising: £135.

Standing Orders are totaled to 5th June and will be reported on a monthly basis from now on. Thank you to all of you who have contributed financially since the lockdown began. If you would like to set up a standing order with the Parish please do contact Carol in the Parish office.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea - a Catholic charity, focused on the pastoral care of seafarers while they are away from their homes and families.

PALMS CROSSES

Palms blessed last Passion/Palm Sunday Mass are available at the porch for collection by those who still need them.

SOME IMPORTANT NOTICES AS WE OPEN OUR CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

You are all welcomed back to our church. But I have to point out that our experience of church will be a bit different as we have to observe some safety measures:

1. Hand-sanitizing at the entry and exit points of the church is compulsory. The two-meter social distancing to be maintained at all times while in the church. Wearing face covering is only compulsory when a minimum of one-meter distance is to be maintained.
2. The bulletin, missalette and other published materials you receive on entry into the church should be taken with you when the Mass ends, or you put them in the disposal bin as you leave the church. The Holy Water stoups remain dry. There is no congregational singing at Mass. The organist may play some music when required.
3. Readers should put on single-use gloves and should avoid touching the microphones or the lectern during the Liturgy of the Word. You may read from your personal missal or the disposable missalette. The Prayer of the Faithful will be omitted. The homily will be brief, to minimise the time that people are congregated in the church building.
4. There will be no offertory procession of the gifts of bread and wine to the altar and there will be no sharing of the collection plate or bag. You can make your donation to the church online or via standing order (visit our websites). There will be collecting baskets at the porch for cash /envelope offerings. Members of the congregation should not physically exchange the sign of peace.
5. After the prayer and its response "Behold the Lamb of God... Lord I am not worthy," the priest should hold up the Host to the Congregation and say audibly "The Body of Christ" to which the people should respond "Amen." In the same way, he elevates the chalice and says, "The Blood of Christ" and again the people respond "Amen."
6. Communion is to be distributed in front of the sanctuary, and you have to stand in front of the kneeler provided, to socially distance yourself from the priest distributing Holy Communion. Communion must be given silently in the hand only and avoiding any physical contact.
7. People should wait in their pews until instructed to move forward to the priest for Holy Communion by the Stewards, always aware of the regulations on social distancing in the orderly queue. When you approach the priest, you should do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between you and the priest. You should keep your hands, palms upwards, one on top of the other, extended as flatly as possible. Having received Holy Communion, communicants should move back to their pews in an orderly manner.
8. Those who wish to receive a blessing only, can also come forward just like the communicants but with their hands crossed on their chests as usual.
9. After the final blessing at the end of the Mass the priest and other ministers, still observing the appropriate social distancing, process out. The congregation remains in the pews until directed by the stewards to leave in an orderly way.
10. The Sacrament of Confession/Penance requires the one-to-one encounter between a priest and the penitent. The confessionals in our churches pose a high risk of infection because of the restricted airflow. As such, we will only be able to celebrate the Sacrament outdoors, in front of the parish office, between the presbytery and the church at Sacred Heart, and at St Joseph's in front of the presbytery. Special arrangements can be made to accommodate those who have difficulty with outdoor confessions. The priest will also be available to celebrate this sacrament with you during the office hours, especially on Tuesdays' drop-in session whilst observing adequate precautionary measures. The priest will wear mask and you are encouraged to do the same.

We live in unusual times, dear parishioners, and it may be awhile before we can get on all this. But I believe we shall come out of this a stronger community of faith. Let us keep one another in our prayers.